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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Office of Current Intelligence  
25 March 1963**

**DAILY REPORT**

**SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba**

**1. Today's Schedule (25 March 1963)**

- a. **Missions:** BRASS KNOB 3513 scheduled off at 0530 EST.  
Estimated time of return 1333 EST.  
BRASS KNOB 3514 scheduled off at 0546 EST.  
Estimated time of return 1308 EST.
- b. **Purpose :** Mission 3513 will cover the entire island. Mission 3514 will cover western and central portions of the island.
- c. **Weather :** Poor eastern tip of island and north coast of eastern third of island. Remainder of north coast fair. Remainder of island good. Outlook for tomorrow is for little change.
- d. **IPIR due:** 27 March 1963

**2. Yesterday's Activity (24 March 1963)**

- a. **Missions** BRASS KNOB Mission 3511 covered the northern half of the island. BRASS KNOB Mission 3512 covered western and central Cuba. Pilots estimate 75% and 60% coverage of scheduled targets, respectively.
- b. **Weather :** Good western third of island. Poor eastern tip of island. Remainder of island fair.
- c. **IPIR due:** 26 March 1963
- d. **Reaction:** No significant air defense reaction to these BRASS KNOB missions was noted.

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a Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba  
1400 EST 24 March:

Tankers	7
Passenger	3
Dry Cargo	15
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Total	25

b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1400 EST  
24 March:

Tankers	3
Passenger	0
Dry Cargo	16
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Total	19

c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were  
photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or  
surface cameras: 15

d. CIA has received photos of 13 of these ships.

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## BRASS KNOB COVERAGE OF COMOR HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS IN CUBA

During 17-23 March 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	17	18	19	20	21	*22	23	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguanea Cruise Missile Site									
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site		1	1					2	2
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site				1				1	1
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield			1					1	1
5. Camaguey Airfield					1			1	1
6. Holguin Airfield				1	1			2	2
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield		1		1	1		1	4	4
8. Mariel Naval Base	2	2	1					5	3
9. Banes Naval Base	1	1	1	1				4	4
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base	1	1	2	1	1			6	5
11. Santiago de Cuba Port			1	1	1		1	4	4
12. La Isabella Port		1	1	1				3	3
13. Caibarien Port	1	1	1	1	1		1	6	6
14. Cardenas Port	1	2	2	1	1			7	5
15. Casilda Port		1	1	1	1		1	5	5
16. Matanzas Port			1		1			2	2
17. Havana Port		1	1	1	1		1	5	5
18. Guantanamo Area		2	1	1				4	3
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp			1	1				2	2
20. Artemisa Military Camp	1		1					2	2
21. Holguin Military Camp	2		1					3	2
22. Remedios Military Camp				1	1			2	2
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp	1	2	1					4	3
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp								0	0
25. Limonar Military Camp	1		1					2	2
26. Camaguey Military Camp		1	1	1			1	4	4
		1		1	1			3	3
28. Managua Staging Area									
29. Bejucal Staging Area	2	2	1	1	1			7	5
30. Manicaragua Staging Area	1	2	1	1	2		1	8	6
				1	1			2	2

\*Heavy cloud cover precluded coverage of any targets on 22 March.

During 17-23 March 1963, 93 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 70 miles on either side of the flight line.

During 17-23 March 1963, 14 BRASS KNOB missions were flown.

**GROUP 1**  
Excluded from automatic down-  
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